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TRAPPED IN A WORLD
HE NEVER FRAGGED!!



WOO,
BEVARLENE--



-- DID TH'
EARTH MOVE FER
YOU, TOO?

FNAA!



FEETAL'S
FRAGGIN'
FEATHERS!

FRAGGIN' WAAUGH!

MANHATTAN STANDS IN RUINS.

FLAMES FLICKER WHERE ONCE PEOPLE NETWORKED. THE RICH MEN'S TOWERS ARE GONE (AS ARE THE POOR MEN'S TOWERS, THOUGH THESE ONES WERE ONLY RELATIVELY POOR. THEY WERE STILL QUITE RICH. LIKE, NOW MANY TOWERS HAVE YOU GOT?)

AND OVER THE GRIM SCENE HOVERS THE UNMISTAKABLE STENCH OF DEATH BY ROAMING.

IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME! TH' OFFENDING SOCIETY HIRED ME TO HELP THEM IN THEIR BATTLE AGAINST TH' MYSTERY VILLAIN WHO'S DESTROYIN' TH' WORLD CITY BY FRAGGIN' CITY!

"BUT AFTER WE DEFEATED GREEN SKULL AND THANOS-EID, WE DISCOVERED THEY WERE ONLY Pawns IN A PLOT! WE HURRIED BACK TO OUR MANHATTAN HQ— ONLY TO BE CONSUMED BY A MONSTROUS FIREBALL O' ORIGIN MYSTERY!"

POC STRANGEFATE?

SEE GIANT SIZED BAT-THING HQ!

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BUT EVEN AS OUR HERO
SETS OFF, COLD EYES
WATCH HIM FROM THE
CHARRED SHADOWS...

POP!



THE
DUCK STILL
LIVES.

NO MATTER!



THOUGH OUR MASTER, DOCTOR
BONGFACE, IS IMPRISONED IN A
SPANGITE CAGE ON THE MOON,*
THE DESTRUCTION OF MANHATTAN
WILL PARADOXICALLY GIVE HIM THE
POWER TO BREAK FREE!

* SEE ISSUE #35, LOBO
THE DUCK MAGAZINE.



AND THEN--
TREMBLE, O
UNIVERSE!



ALSO, TREMBLE, O
DUCK, 'COS THE DOC'S
GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE
WITH YOU!

BUT WHY DOES HE NEED
THE BODIES OF DEAD
SUPERHEROES?

HEY, I'M A
SIMPLE HENCHMAN,
NOT NO CRIMINAL
GENIUS!





SMART MOVE,
GOIN' UNDERGROUND,
AL!



YEAH, AFTER THE SIXTH TIME
YOU DESTROYED MY PREMISES, I
FIGURED I BETTER WISE UP! CITY'S
HALF GONE, I HEAR, BUT WE'RE
SAFE AND SASSY DOWN HERE!

GOT A COUPLA
SIXPACKS AN' A
SUPERVILLAIN
DIRECTORY?



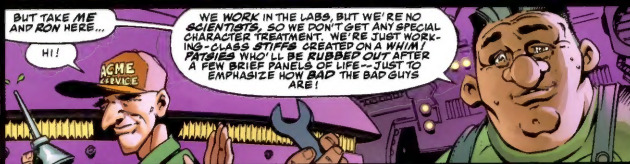
LOBO THE
DUCK, HUH? MEET
AMOUN THE
LUNATIK!

I HEAR
YER AFTER
THE SAME
ULTIMATE
SUPREME
UNKNOWN
VILLAIN
I AM.

SO WHAT,
MALLARD.
BREATH?











SORRY I'M LATE, AL, BUT I HAD TO HELP AN OLD LADY LOOK FOR HER INTESTINES AFTER SHE WAS Eviscerated BY A WILD DOG BROOKED BY THE FIRES, AND--

WHAAAT?



LOBO!

YO, BEVARLENE! STILL TH' SWEETEST BUNS IN SOHO! JOIN US, BABE--

--TH' MAIN DUCK'S GOT QUACK ENOUGH FER THREE!



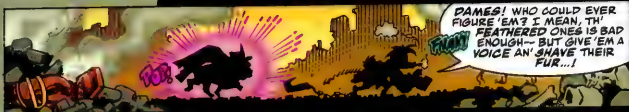
BUT--YOU TOLD ME YOU LOVED ME! * YOU SWORE YOU'D ALWAYS STAY TRUE!

YOU SAID YOU WANTED ME TO HAVE YOUR PUCKLINGS!



*SEE GIANT SIZED BAT-THING #6





DAMES! WHO COULD EVER
FIGURE 'EM? I MEAN, TH'
FEATHERED ONES IS BAD
ENOUGH-- BUT GIVE 'EM A
VOICE AN' SHAVE THEIR
FUR...!



GUESS I'LL SORT IT OUT LATER,
WHEN SHE CALMS DOWN. MEAN-
TIME, I OUGHTA BE GETTIN'
BACK TA WORK.

LESSEE WHAT TH' SUPERVILLAIN
DIRECTORY'S GOT TA SAY ABOUT
KID LEY...!



KID ARMPIT-- KID AROUND--KID
STUFF-- THE WAGO KID-- THE
WACKY KID-- KID KNEE-- BUCK
NEKKID-- KIPPA KIPPER-- KID
KALAMITY-- KID-U-NOT-- KID
ZARRUS--

--BUT
NO KID
LEY!



SLAP LEATHER, YA
MANGY, DUCK ASSED
BASTICH!

huh?



JONAS TURNIP!
GAMOROLA! BILLIE
TH' MILLIE!

'S GREAT
TO SEE YA AGAIN,
DUCKBO!

BUT I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE CAPTURED AN' GREAMED BY DOC BONGFACE WHEN HE HAD CONTROL O' TH' CRYSTAL ROD O' STEWART-- THAT IS, DOOM??

YEAH, WE WUZ.

BUT WE ESCAPED WITH TH' HELP O' A DEMI-GOD. ** AN' NOW WE'RE SPOILIN' FER A FIGHT! SEE, I DISCOVERED WHO'S BEHIND ALL OF THIS-- EVERYTHIN' BAD THAT'S HAPPENED SINCE YA FIRST SET FOOT ON EARTH!

I KNOW WHO'S DESTROYIN' TH' CITIES-- WHO INTENDS TA DESTROY TH' WORLD-- TH' UNIVERSE!

* SEE THE SAVAGE SWORD OF LOBO THE DUCK ** 52-55.

** SEE BONGHUNTERS SPECIAL #1.

WHO? TELL ME, JONAS!

IT'S--

mmggf!:

SHONK!

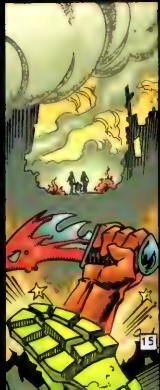
YOUR LIPS ARE SEALED-- AND SO IS YOUR FATE!

YES, IT IS ME-- DARYL--

--DARYL RUTABAGA!

YOUR BROTHER!

DOOF



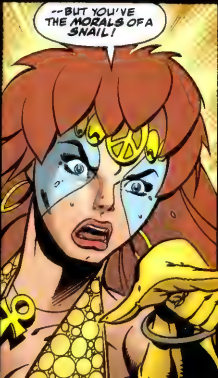


!BOB! OH, LOBO!



LOBO!

YOU ROTTEN, WOMANIZING SWINE! I WAS GOING TO FORGIVE YOU--



--BUT YOU'VE THE MORALS OF A SNAIL!

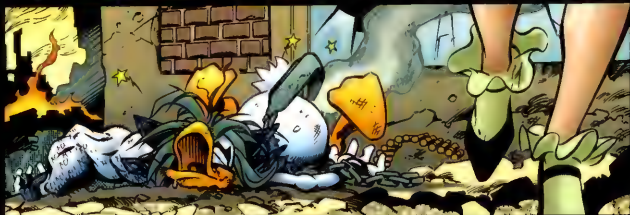


WAAUGH!



SORRY, LOVE!
HE'S JUST SO
DARNED CUTE!

WAKK!
WAKK!
WAKK!
WAKK!



SHEESH!
THIS IS FRAGGIN'
RIDICULLUS!

SOMEHOW I KNOW TH'
KEY T' THIS WHOLE SHEBANG
IS LOCKED UP IN MY OWN HEAD!
MAYBE I DIDN'T LOSE MY
MEMORY... MAYBE THEY PUT
AN AMNESIA BLOCK
ON ME!*

BUT HOW WOULD
I KNOW IF I CAN'T
REMEMBER?

* THEY DID! SEE GIANT
SIZED BAT-THING #3



REMEMBER, YA
NO-GOOD BASTICH!

REMEMBER,
OR I'LL PUNCH
YA INTA PUL! THEN
STRAIN YA THROUGH
A SIEVE!



YA'LL NEVER EAT
EGGS IN THIS TOWN
AGAIN! YER ONE
DEAD DUCK!



OKAY!
I'LL TALK!
I'LL TALK!



ALL
RISE--

--IN THE PRESENCE OF THE
SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY OF...
GOLD KIDNEY-LADY!

TEACH
US TO
CLEANSE!

GOLD
KIDNEY!

GOLD
KIDNEY!

GOLD
KIDNEY-
LADY!

LEAD
US IN
PURGES!

ALL
EVIL IN THE UNIVERSE CAN BE
INFALLIBLY TRACED BACK TO IMPROPERLY FUNCTIONING
KIDNEYS! FOR IS IT NOT WRITTEN, "FILTER NOT THE
IMPURITIES, AND YE SHALL SUFFER, YEA, EVEN UNTO
THE SEVENTH GENERATION?"

MY KIDNOIDS,
FATE HAS CHOSEN US
TO CLEANSE THE KIDNEYS
OF THE WORLD-- OF THE
GALAXY ITSELF! WE WILL
PURGE THEM, FILTER THEM,
SWEEP THE DIRT AWAY
'ROUND THE HIDDEN
BEND!

LET THE FINAL
PURIFICATION
BEGIN-- AS I START THE
GRAVITONAUTOMETER
THAT WILL HERALD THE
END FOR THIS FILTHY,
FILTHY PLANET!



IT ENDS
HERE, GOLD
KIDNEY-
LADY!

LOBO
THE
DUCK!

IT WASN'T
"KID LEY" TH' GUY
WITH TH' SPEECH IMPEDI-
MENT WUZ TRYIN' TA
TELL ME... IT WAS
KIDNEY... YOU!...

-- BUT YA'LL
NEVER PREVAIL WHILE
TH' MAIN DUCK'S BEEN
PAID A BUNCH' BUCKS
TA STOP YA!

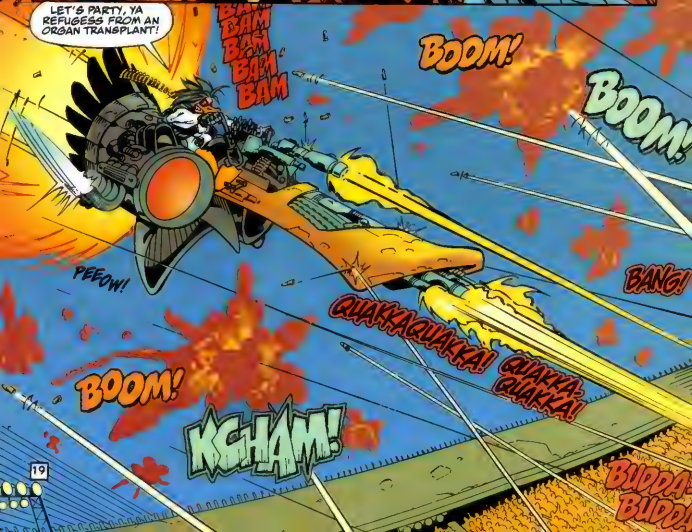


I'D KILL YOU MYSELF,
ONLY THE EXERTION'S BAD
FOR MY KIDNEYS!

SLAY HIM,
MY KIDNOID
MINIONS!

KLAK! LATCH! CHAK! KAK! CLIK! CHOK! KIK!

LET'S PARTY, YA
REFUGES FROM AN
ORGAN TRANSPLANT!



BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

BOOM!

BOOM!

BOOM!

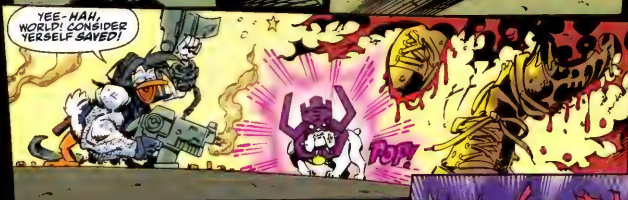
KGHAM!

QUAKKAQUAKKA!
QUAKKA-
QUAKKA!

BANG!

BUDDA-
BUDDA!







THE GRAVITONINOUTOMETER'S POTENT RAYS ARC THROUGH SPACE, INSTANTLY CREATING A NEGATIVE FORCE FIELD AROUND THE STADIUM.

IRRESISTIBLY ATTRACTED BY THE COLLAPSED GRAVITY UNITS, THE MOON ITSELF-- YES, LUNA, WHOSE BEAMS HAVE LIT THE THREATENING NIGHT SINCE MAN HAD SEX IN CAVES-- CAREENS EARTHWARD AT IMPOSSIBLE SPEED--

--AND TOTAL MURKISH OBLIVION!

GRAV-1

WVRRZZZZ

NEXT ISSUE > ARE YOU READY FOR THE GODTHING? YOU BETTER BE, 'CUZ EARTH MIGHT NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT HIM! BE HERE IN THIRTY FOR ... "DON'T TELL MOM THE BOUNTY HUNTER'S DEAD!"

WAUGH!

POP!

Loads of positive feedback from all the preview copies I sent out. Let's hear what you fans had to say about Lobo the Duck!

Dear Hobo:

Thanks for sending me the preview copy of this new series called LOBO THE DUCK. Obviously you had hoped for comments that might be positive and rewarding, yet critical without becoming too harsh and judgmental.

Well, you thought wrong!

This has to be the stupidest idea ever to come down the pike. A cigar-chomping duck who carries a hook for killing people? You fools have definitely run your course. Who's thinking of this stuff, monkeys?

Olav Sperling
The Black Forest, Germany



Dear Editor,

Hey! Thanks for sending me that early copy of LOBO THE DUCK! I can't stop reading it! It's great!

I have one favor to ask though: Could you send someone over to my apartment? My legs and butt have gone numb from sitting on the toilet for so long. That's the last time I read a comic in the bathroom again, let me tell you.

Charles J. Beemer
Dobbs Ferry, NY



Dear Idiots,

Thanks for nothing.

The incompetent lackey that sent out preview copies obviously didn't check to see if anything had been printed on the page. It was one big black and grey smear. The only page that was readable was the last page—some big machine making a loud noise and some stupid-looking duck with scraggly hair screaming: WAAUGHGH!

I was wrong. Thanks for saving me money. I won't be picking up this junk on a monthly basis!

Olav Brown
Flushing, NY

Dear Amalgam:

First mistake: Your company name. Ugh. Sounds like some kinda new phlegm to cough up.

Now, I don't know about you, but I can suspend my disbelief just so much...a talking duck that shoots peo-

ple? A villain that looks like a turnip? Beautiful, well-endowed women with breasts that defy gravity?...Well, maybe I can forgive you on that count. You must be allowed some creative license, otherwise what a dull, ugly world this would be.

Okay, maybe I'll give the second issue a chance. It had better not ship late next month, otherwise I'm not going to give LOBO THE DUCK a second chance.

Alan Gerber
Scotland



Duck You Sucker!

That was the name of a Sergio Leone movie many years ago. I think it fits for this title. How about naming the lettercolumn DUCK YOU SUCKER and giving me lots of free stuff? I know some people who win cool stuff when they name a lettercolumn. I think my time is here. Money would be good. Or a trip to New York with tickets for the Jay Letterman show. A suite at The Plaza would also be nice: my wife always wanted to see New York in style. Oh, and a shopping spree at FAO Schwarz and a hundred thousand dollar gift certificate to the Fox Bros. store on Fifth Avenue would also be great. Heard they sell animation cels. Also, I figure I'd be deserving of some original artwork. I'd like to get the original art boards for at least ten complete books. I'd hate to get single pages and not have the entire story.

Now, about the black and white advance copy you sent...

WOW!

When are they gonna make an action figure of LOBO THE DUCK? It'd rule! And can you imagine the cool dawg that kinda POPS in and out of the scenes? You could have different little costumes to put on the dawg. I like the Galactiac helmet the best. And make sure that the Lobo the Duck figure talks. Have it go: WAAUGHGH! I'll definitely buy it—unless, of course, you can throw that into the free stack o' stuff I'll be gettin' when you announce my win-

ning of the lettercolumn contest.

Peter Grant
Montauk, NY



Dear Lobo the Duck,

It's about time that the hunted became the hunters.

Blessed are the vegetarians, for they

shall eat the Earth.

Or something like that...

Roger Giffen
Jerkwater, MI



Dear Lobo the Duck,

Finally! A wacky, quacky, daffy comic! I'm beside myself with glee. I've been looking for a title that I could let my small children read. Buffy and Jody are twins, they're six years old and just the right age to enjoy a book like this.

Since I read them the first issue, all they do is scream and yell in the middle of the night: "Lobo the Duck!" I go in their room and see their sweat-drenched faces and blankets pulled tight with excitement, unable to contain their youthful exuberance for the second issue. At a recent school night, their first grade teacher showed me the wonderful renditions my kids did in beautiful Crayola color of Lobo the Duck eviscerating the Space Turnip. The rendering seemed almost professional. Their knowledge of the intestinal tract and other internal organs was mighty impressive. I think they're headed to art school when they get older, or maybe even medical school. One can only hope.

So thank you for stimulating my children with your beautiful little story about the adventures of Lobo the Duck. We're waiting with bated breath for the next issue.

Keith Slifer
Mayberry RFD



NEXT ISSUE: Things heat up for Lobo the Duck. Not many fowls like to hear that, I can tell you. So be here next month when the feathers fly and the guns bark in what we dare to call: "For Whom the Bill Tolls."

—Peter T.

This month's cover by
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WAAUGHGH!!

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Fun! That's the name of the game.

Seems like everywhere you turn these days, there's somebody spoutin' off about the deficit of "fun" in his funnybooks.

To which we say, "Balderdash!"

Now, there's no denyin' that the comic-book biz is just that—a business. And there are times when the profit-and-loss side of the equation seems to overshadow everything else, particularly with the advent of the faster-than-thought communication of the World Wide Web. (Speaking of which, have you gotten an eyeful of our fully-functional Amalgam Website yet? Four out of five dentists recommend it...and the fifth doesn't own a computer!)

But the bottom line is that nobody joins the wacky workaday world of producing four-color fantasies with the intention of getting rich. We do this because we love comics, the same as you do. There's no better place to work than in the comic biz. And the reason is, it's fun.

So have some fun today, Amalgamen and Amalgamettes. We are.

And remember, we remain ever dedicated to bringing you the finest in illustrated picto-literature! Because we know you demand no less! Accelerate!

—M.M. CARWALD

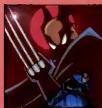


JLA UNLEASHED #1: Decimated by the Armageddon Agenda, the JLA lies at the mercy of the Hellfire League of Injustice when they summon the brimstone-born Fin Fang Foom! By Christopher "Maxi" Priest, Oscar "Jumping" Jimenez and Humbal "The Cannibal" Rodriguez.

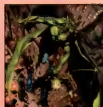
GENERATION HEX #1: Ride back into the Wild West days of the Amalgam Universe and see how disgraced renegade Jono Hex assembled the world's first band of mutant gungliners: Skinhunter, Madame Banshee, and the mysterious Retribution—all out for vengeance against a town called Humanity. By "Pearlman" Peter Mullen, "Madam, Im" Adam Pollina and Mark "More, More, More" Morales.



THE DARK CLAW ADVENTURES #1: Based on the hit TV show *Dark Claw: The Animated Series*! A dandy assassin called Lady Tula is loose in New Gotham! And she's after the man who killed her father, his A-Pocalypse—namely, Logan! By Ty "The Guy" Templeton and "Rambunctious" Rick Burchett.



LOBO THE DUCK #1: The Main Mallard is after the mastermind responsible for the destruction of Manhattan and the deaths of the greatest Amalgam heroes! And not even his faithful girlfriend Bivarlene can ease the mighty duck's troubled mind—especially when the Lunatik-Bug bounces into the act. By Alan "The Anarchist" Grant, "Voracious" Val Semeiks, and Ray "Railroad" Kryssing.



BAT-THING #1: When a scientist mutates into a creature part human and part bat, the world can only call him—Bat-Thing! Human no longer, the hideous being seeks revenge on the motorcycle gang responsible for his cursed existence! By "Laughin'" Larry Hama, Rodolfo "Joe" Damaggio, and Bill "Sink-or-swim" Sienkiewicz.



SUPER-SOLDIER: MAN OF WAR #1: Return to the Golden Age of Amalgam as the world's greatest human fighting machine joins forces with Sgt. Rock and his Howling Commandos! But can even their combined might overcome the maniacal Major Zemo's deadly War Wheel? Guest starring the All-Star Winners Society! By "Malevolent" Mark Wald, "Dauntless" Dave Gibbons, and Jimmy "Jummy" Palmiotti.



CHALLENGERS OF THE FANTASTIC #1: Sue "Ace" Storm: fearless agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.! Reed "Prof" Richards: dynamic science genius! Johnny "Red" Storm: daredevil youth! Ben "Rocket" Grimm: two-fisted U.S. senator! They're four frankly fearless people who seek out and defy mind-blowing menaces in mysterious places. But can even they stand against the coming of Galactica? By Karl "Don't Call Me Barbara" Kessel, "Titanic" Tom Grummett, and "Anxious" Al Vey.



THORION OF THE NEW ASGODS #1: Between the realms of New Asgard and Apokolips, Thorion battles his hated brother LOK D'Saad, while the fate of the galaxy itself hangs in the balance! But LOK has a secret weapon: the all-powerful MOTHER LOBE. And waiting in the shadows: Thanos! By "Kinetic" Keith Giffen and "Jumpin'" John Romita, Jr.



IRON LANTERN #1: Empowered by OA, the Living Planet, Hal Stark wears the life-sustaining armor of Iron Lantern! But can the Armored Emerald Gladiator save Stark Aircraft from the colossal Great White, the hatred of Madame Sapphire, and the world-shattering power of Mandarinestro? By "Curt" Kurt Busiek, "Tall" Paul Smith, and Al "The Pal" Williamson.



THE EXCITING X-PATROL #1: Niles Cable, Elastic-Gel, Shatterstarfire, Ferro Man, Beastling, and Dial H.U.S.K.! They're back—and they must face Brother Brood in a battle to the death! And if they survive—can they endure the trials of the Brood Pit? By Barbara "Don't Call Me Karl" Kessel and "Bouncin'" Bryan Hitch.



SPIDER-BOY TEAM-UP #1: Spider-Boy is saved from certain doom by another spider-powered teen who could be Spider-Boy 2099! Using the Time Cube, the heroic duo travel back to the future to meet the Legion of Galactic Guardians. By Karl "Now I'm Confused" Kessel, Roger "Ranjey" Stern, Jo "The Padron" Ladrone, and "Say it Ain't So" Vlesco.



MAGNETIC MEN FEATURING MAGNETO #1: Just as the refurbished Magnetic Men attempt to join human society, they must go up against the lethal Sinister Society and a slew of new evil robots. By Tom "Terrific" Peyer, "Bodacious" Barry Kitson and "Dancin'" Dan Panosian.

MINUTEMEN



See No Bob



Hear No Bob